#### "GOD IS CALLING ME."

The Last Words of Dwight L. Moody. "Earth receding-Heaven is opening, God is calling me;"
"Twas a whisper on the threshold Of eternity. How it echoes down the vale of

Deepest mystery! As when Stephen, saint and martyr, Near his latest breath.

Cried: "I see the hravens opened,
And the Lord of Death

On the right hand of the Father!" Heaven still witnesseth!

Take thy crown, O man of tireless Wrestling for the right! Starred with souls undying, garnered For the King of Might. "Well done!" met thee on the portal Of the Land of Light!

From the city's slums and alleys, From the hilliops fair, From the wrecks of deepest ocean, Thine awalt thee there! Who shall lift thy fallen mantle? Who thy Bible bear?

When the hour of wondrous waiting Comes, that comes to all, When for us, o'er "earth receding," Drops the funeral pall, Father! from Thy opening Heaven, Grant that blessed call! -Mrs. Cyrus Hamlin, in Congregationalist.

#### IN VARIOUS PLACES.

Port Arthur gets this year \$2,500,-000 for her forts and harbor improvements, and for Vladivostock \$1,500,000 has been granted by the Russian government.

In the Canadian northwest provinces there are probably more colonies of different nations than are to be found on any equal area elsewhere in the world.

fitting a specialty. Instructions in the art of shooting. Patent try guns and targets. Most realistic coverts. Pracetc. Any number of sportsmen can and inclined to take life easily. be accommodated. Experienced gun fitters and instructors always in at-

The Canadian government has established refrigerators for the stor- fairly warned, and if your rather unage of fresh bait in cooperation with associations of fishermen along the coast. Complaint arises season after ship you will have to make your own season that bait is scarce just when repairs. No gallant Sir Knight de it is most urgently needed, yet such bait can, as a rule, be obtained in abundance early in the season when same, way, and I'm glad I answered him man life. We long for what we have the men are not in need of it. An ap- just as I did. Perhaps that is his way not, and are thus unfitted to do the propriation of \$25,000 has enabled the of storming hearts. But I'll stand by department of agriculture to remedy the compact we've made and prove that the difficulty.

causing the death of two people. This Never, never will I show the faintest has naturally raised the question of sign of heart interest. I simply will the stability of buildings of this curi- not fall in love with Tracey Channon ous city. Twenty years ago one of if I see him every day for 40 years." the church towers fell down, and since | Accordingly, during the remainder ers have more than we, and so finding then three new buildings have col- of the season and after their return fault with Providence and our ill luck lapsed. In the present instance it is to the city, whether Tracey came often and ranging the misery which such supposed that the clearing away of or seldom Annis made him equally wel- thoughts always bring, we should mud from the adjoining canal by come. When he danced attendance on change the color of our environment means of a dredger was the cause of some belle of the hour she smiled as and the quality of our character. You didn't.

### Probable End of the Great Midway Feature.

The Invention of Ferris Has About Served Its Purpose and Will Soon Find Its Way to

the Scrap Henp. When the Ferris wheel is sent to the pen-the greatest engineering vagary of the century will have passed into that oblivion reserved for lads, flying Post, but simply because it never could serve any practical use, because it em- ly comfortable as I am, you know." bodies no distinctly new principle in engineering and because it has a mar-

cost of original investment. As one of the wonders of the world's great size, marvelous construction and crowning feature of the midway, but the gossip of four continents. During the continuance of the exposition more than a million and a half of visitors | When their acquaintance was somefrom all quarters of the globe rade in

tant city. Though less than a third the height of the Eiffel tower of the Paris exposition, the Ferris wheel was a much ception of genius.

About \$25,000 was spent in plans, less, tests, etc., before the actual construction of the wheel began. Some 20 firm. tried to abate nothing of her old-time took part in its making and a Chicago firm saw to its erection. When reads to be turned the Ferris wheel had good \$352,000 and had consumed about 8,000,000 pounds of iron and steel. The of course, as he had done all along. movable part of it weighed 4,200,000 pounds, and it required two engines of 1,000 horse-power each to keep it turning. And so nicely adjusted were all the parts, so well belanced was the They Are What Mold Character and nationality nor religion being regarded. great steel circle with its 36 cars, capable of carrying 2,160 persons, that It was under as full control as a sewing machine or a pony engine. Once or twice during the world's fair the motive power needed adjustment, but the only results so far as the public was concerned were bumorous incidents which gave the newspaper men a few

# FAIRLY WARNED

By Jeanette Nichols Phillips.

(From the Washington Home Magazine,

by Special Permission.) TRACEY CHANNON and Annis Wydeman, residents of the same summer day at a certain ocean-side resort. A few evenings later they were chatting rather confidentially as they strolled along the beach in the twilight. He was saying:

"I have never yet found the one irresistible woman, and I do not intend ever to marry. But I'm fond of the ladies-nice ones-and I mean to enjoy their society so long as they are willing to take me in a frank, friendly way critically and you will discover that without expecting me to turn lover, sighing like a furnace after a few days' acquintance.

"Here's my hand on that, Mr. Chanman who isn't studying one's availability as a wife, or looking aghast if she and live low, or think low and live casts a friendly glance in his direction."

"You and I need not be afraid of each other with such an understanding, need we?" asked Tracey.

immensely, I know, for though I expect ical features take on a new expression. to marry when the right man presents and the fact of inward terror is made constantly standing guard against lov- puppet which the inner man governs at ers and proposals."

"You can be yourself with me. I'll slave. take my own heart risks, Miss Wyde-

Annis had left her debutante season In an English contemporary is the behind by less than a half dozen years, the habit becomes chronic, a chemical following advertisement of a shooting tracey was older by a decade. She change takes place in his molecules, school: "Forty acres in extent. Gun was an orphan of tempting fortune, and ranged at will between comfortable city quarters in winter and select the galleries of Florence are two busts seaside resorts in summer. As a bachtice at driven birds, high pheasants, clor he was independent as to fortune,

When Annis reached her room after the twilight stroll, she laughed and said to herself:

"Now, Miss Wydeman, you have been susceptible heart should happen to prove a target for Cupid's markman-Channon will take pity on you. I wonder if he warns off all the girls in the one woman at least can enjoy a man's A house fell in Venice recently, society and still withstand his charms.

A FAMOUS BIG WHEEL, found her preoccupied, and saw Chan- for you must find it in your soul or not non's semipossessive position, they find it at all.

went their way. Months rolled by and Tracey grew stood-to do all you can in whatever apparently absorbed in Annis' society, more pointedly devoted, more approprintive. He even showed signs of contemplating matrimony seriously and

favorably. saw it, had manifested indifference to his wife's happiness.

"Your ideals are altogether too high," scrap heap -a thing likely scon to hap- Tracey protested. "No ordinary human being would suit you. You are looking for an angel."

"Pardon the contradiction, but I am machines and perpetual motion con- not looking for anything with a view trivances. Not that the great Ferris to matrimony. And I may hold as high wheel is any of these, says the Chicago | ideals as I please, for I can wait till I find the man to fit them. I am perfect-

"I am happy to hear that. But no man, however earnest, will ever dare velous faculty of emptying the coffers to offer himself to you, unless you culof those who try to make its huge bulk tivate less independence of manner, alearn even a small part of the cost of low me to suggest."

maintaining it-to say nothing of the fever for marrying I shall hie me to onies it may in time regain much of the fair of 1893-perhaps the chief wonder some enchanted land where all women glory and importance which it once en--the Ferris wheel stood unique. Its are above par, even independent ones."

"When you are ready to go on that distinct novelty made it not only the quest will you kindly let me know?" "Oh, yes, Mr. Channon, I'll have it published in all the society papers and the reason therefor."

what more than a year old, Tracey went its suspended cars and from a height of away for an indefinite sojourn. Annis 254 feet caught a bird's-eye glimpse of found his absence intolerable. The futhe fair grounds, the lake and the dis- ture without him loomed up a dreary blank. She was consumed with a jealous fear lest another might fill her place in his esteem, lest he might drop hers into the list of bygone friendgreater wonder. The Eiffel tower was ships. Her misery and loneliness would the sun to enter in through washed surprised. This must have been bemerely a continuous projection of suc- not be subdued. She awoke one morncessive towers one upon another. Given ing to the discovery that she was in a suitable base, its construction simply love. She blushed before her mirror, meant the stringing of iron and steel shook her fist at in rage. She covered straight into the air. But in the Fer- her face in shame that she had let her ris wheel something new in construct heart go where it was not wanted. She Chicago, and this is what is accom- mother was a helpless invalid, entiretion was accomplished-new because could not blame Tracey Channon. She plished by its dozen nurses under the ly dependent upon his daily wages. And of its great size. It was the projection would control herself whatever it cost. direction of the board of 22 of Chicago's his Cousin Jennie, who cared for her of a gigantic circle, carrying thousands. In spite of her efforts to forget, the most influential and intelligent women, night and day, was also dependent, of a gigantic circle, carrying thousands. In spite of ner efforts to forget, the of tons of steel and from suspended painful yearning seized her at times of which Mrs. James L. Houghteling is though far from helpless. This patient, larly heavy farm wagons of great burners to long the first patient, larly heavy farm wagons of great burners. It has been proven that wide tires the application of machinery. To have man that she might be at peace with built the Ferris wheel simply to stand herself. She reviewed his character Temple, could speak they could tell take care of herself and a querulous upon its periphery would have been a and conduct to find something incomcomparatively simple task. To sus patible, something to arouse her dispend this mass of metal from a central like. A few imperfections presented forming dirt and disease into cleanli- "You mustu't think of it. Your mothpoint and give it motion was the con- themselves, but no other man that she ness and health; of hundreds of brendhad ever known was so nearly blame- winners in the stock yards district in spite of me.'

cordiality, but too often self-consciousness congealed it into awkward stiffness. Tracey apparently saw no change thrilling and pathetic still, of scores of all by yourself"-and then taxed him and took their friendship as a matter poor incurables who have been refused with a yet meaner motive.

## GUARD YOUR THOUGHTS.

Determine Destiny - A Word Concerning Unvironment.

If thoughts are forces, then we must select them with great care. Our thoughts are to our lives about will accomplish a definite and desirable fore the eves of their more fortunate

purpose. On the contrary, if the steam is not properly harnessed there is sure to be disaster sooner or later.

The way a man thinks decides the way he lives. It is as impossible for pure thoughts to produce an impure life as for vinegar to resemble honey to the taste. A thief can't enjoy religion any more than an honest man can enjoy burglary.

In the long run a man will live as he thinks. Give me the thoughts which city, met for the first time one bright you cherish most kindly, and it is like giving me the minor and major premises of a proposition-the conclusion is logically inevitable. Those thoughts are as certain to make or unmake you before your sun goes down as an effect is certain to follow a cause.

Give me the power to sow what thoughts I please in your mind, and you put into my hands your destiny here and hereafter. Examine yourself your moral nititude exactly accords with the kind of thoughts you entertain. This is an appalling fact of psychological science, and the action of non. I have long waited to know the the law is as inexorable as the law of gravitation. No man can think high high.

A strong emotion-sudden fear, for example-will send the blood through the body like the water in a millrace. It controls the body as perfectly as a "Not in the least. I shall enjoy you giant handles a child. Even the playshimself. I do like to be myself without visible in the face. The body is a mere will, and it is more obedient than a

> If a man cherishes the vice of avarice, or dissipation, or unbealthy stimulus, or selfishness, to such extent that and the expression of his countenance. advertises what is going on within. In of Nero. The first is of a sweet child, and the face is beautiful. It bears the stamp of innocency. It is a pleasure to look at it. The second is that of a youth who has abandoned himself to his passions, and the lines which indicate it are as plain to the observer as the furrows in a plowed field. The face is repulsive, and you turn from it with something like disgust.

You can be happy and useful under any circumstances if you fill them with Heavenly purposes. Greed, and envy, and selfishness are the bane of our hubest with what we have. We live in a dream of what we hope to acquire, and are always restless, uncomfortable and discontented. If we could parsunde ourselves that we can be happy with what surrounds us, that our mission is to get as much out of life as is possible, instead of worrying because othshrine. She had other admirers, but as be happy anywhere. Neither wealth

position you occupy and to make your little life great with great thoughts. God is the guest of poverty as well as wealth, and poverty with God is better than wealth without Him. The Annis was one day denouncing a hus- spirit of Christ is the spirit of love and baselships and beccavements they melt away in the presence of the Divine And I'm trying to save-" Lord. You bear them with patience, and patience is another word for strength. Perfect peace will come at last to him who endures, and peace unlocks the doors of Heaven .- George H. Hepworth, in N. Y. 'lernid.

## Spain a Land of Wealth.

The natural wealth of Spain is enormous. It has been neglected for lack of enterprise. Its mineral deposts are the richest in the world. They will afforda stimulus to industry and will contribute a vast revenue to the people. By concentrating within its own realm "This is among the least of my the effort and aspiration which Spain troubles, but if ever I am seized with a has heretofere dissipated on its col-

> WORK OF VISITING NURSES. They Take Care of the Siek Poor of the City and Teach Principles.

> > of Health.

"To take care of the sick poor and of those who can pay but little for the the importance of cleanliness and hov homes habitable by good ventilation, how to allow the health-giving rays of window penes, thus bringing light and

stirring tales of hundreds of homes in- paralytic too. to which the nurses have gone, transwhose lives have been preserved by the On Tracey's return to the city Annis patient care of the nurses, of \$3 sick women and children in the Hull house district who have been visited and our for by one nurse alone a day, and, more admission to the hospitals, whose tedious hours have been brightened by the cheering voice of the nurse, and whose pain has been lessened by the medicine she always carries with her-neither

The directors are obliged to devote much time and do careful planning to What thinkest thou, Simon? - Matthew, the city. They have received constant meet these many cries from all parts of and substantial assistance from many of our wealthiest citizens and from butnerous clubs and circles. Each year what steam is to the engine. If the the work grows, as its pessibilities are relumns of anything but dull reading steam is under intelligent control, the lufinite, and this senson an effort is behum of the manufactory will be like ing made to bring the needs of poor and factory approval. agreeable music and the machinery suffering women more prominently be-

### <u></u> ONE OF THE OTHERS

By Lawrence Boone. 

LL HONOR to the brave men who A fought their country's battles, is there any danger that they will They Are Not Mercly a Conventence, miss their reward; the whole nation

sings their praises. There is, therefore, the less need that I should help swell the chorus.

but I shall always maintain that Eben farmers along these lines have placed enlist. He wanted to enlist. He was them in direct communication with on the capitarene's beside his host. urged to enlist. He was ashamed not the villages. I recently visited a "You've lived here a long time," said to enlist. He was exposed to the most farmer who lives three or four miles the deputy. seductive and perilous temptation that from one of our large villages. In "Twenty-seven years this spring," reand is. For he was-and is-in love. den. It has been his custom to drive And his love bade him go. It was to the village three times a week with I fust seen it. merely duty that bade him stay.

proaches and trudge on alone in the keep in a marketable condition, and stone and the rest, who faced the a telephone in his house which places tion. deadly volleys at El Caney without him in communication with his cusflinching. But really it is sometimes tomers in the village. He now receives on the place, built by Tom Tutor, a harder to live humbly than to die their orders by telephone, and know- feller who used to hunt and trap for a

rivals, and Lola Fanning was the ing. This makes marketing much | Saltcak up the ranch, without any idea Claude schemed. They hated each the telephone a profitable investment | Craz to git some things, 'cause 'cordin' blame them? It is too much to expect produce to dealers when he can get | months before you could prove up. Christian charity from lovers.

tive girl. Even I, who did not love her line, he can easily order it, if prices and her hair pale golden like a watery | prices. and trimmings; yet her beauty ir- By the aid of the telephone he is able | handy. On the way up I fired both barradiated all her frippery. That her to learn without delay, which is imfair head was empty and her soft portant to marketing berries, where I found that I'd forgot to bring any amheart shallow I will not presume to there is a demand for them and at add; for I may be prejudiced. You what price, shall judge for yourself.

Yet I thought it much to her credit that of the two suppliants at her shrine she caose Eben. I must own that I was surprised when the enpagement was appounced.

the to have opened his eyes, but with an immediate reply.

was decidedly loud, in speech, in dress, for he had inherited a large farm, This is Christianity rightly under- which he promptly mortgaged.

"I do wish, Eben, you had a little trotter on which it was rumored that he had lately lost \$800.

"Do you mean that you'd like me to drive fast horses?" exclaimed Eben, band of her acquaintance who, as she contentment, and though you have surprised and a little shocked. "You know I can't afford it if I wanted to.

"You might at least drive something faster than an old plug of a plow horse," she interrupted, petulantly. "What's the good of slaving and saving when there's money coming? If I were a man like you I'd make a stir in the world some way. But I don't believe you do anything but chop wood and hoe potatoes."

Yet it would be a mistake to conclude that Claude was wholly bad. He was not a sneak; indeed, his brazen frankness was startling. His "liveliness" was at least spontaneous; and exuberant vitality, even though vented in vice, is cotentially a virtue.

What Claude most needed was less noney and a proper outlet for his restess, reckless temper. The first of these conditions was not far to seek. His form was forfeit; his debts were urgent; his creditors were already begining their remorseless man-hunt.

Then came the war. What was more natural than that he should enlist? He did more. He raised a company and was chosen captain. Some shook their beads, but he had a strong following, and those who jibed at his follies still service of a nurse, to teach poor people rather admired his dash. It was admitted that he had at last done someto care for their sick, how to make their | thing to redeem himself-and he had. "Eben, as you are aware, did not en-

list; and thereat everybody seemed cause he was so big and strong; men shine to suffering souls cast down who look as if they could pull down by serrow ambilisense." This is the aim | mountains get harsh judgments withof one of the most benevoient chari- out common equity. Otherwise it could , the Visiting Nurse Association of hardly have been ignored that Eben's energetic little miss was quite compe-If the walls of their office, 237 Masonic | tent to take care of herself, but not to

> "You can't go. Eben, dear," she said, er would simply shut her eyes and die

But Lola, a triffe weary, perhaps, of mute Sunday evening worship, was disappointed and indignant. She first taunted her lover with cowardice-"and you big enough to take Havana

Wheelmen Urge Road Tax. The Michigan division of the League | a uniform evenness and smoothness of of American Wheelmen is preparing a the road's surface, which at once moonlight and I could see greatly well. bill for introduction in the legislature | marks them as public henefactors. Then I crawled into the bank again. I providing for a road poll tax. It will Note in the accompanying illustration rovide that every able-bodied man in the narrow tires "hunting the bottom wished I had afterward. My Londa hurt the state between and inclusive of the of the earth," forming rots that will the so bod that I couldn't sleep and I ages of 21 and 60 shall pay this tax, make travel rough and disagreenale starned and twisted for an hour. and the receipts will be used to build for weeks and weeks. Wide tires should "All at once I heard something. M and repair roads in the county in which come into general use on country roads bland all parced to ice and my half it is collected, and where the petition- and no heavy farm wagon without 1. ers for such roads will agree to pay them should be driven upon any thor- soil but to their whole road tax in eash instead of work. The plan has received satis-



TELEPHONES ON FARMS.

But a Good Business Investment as Well.

For, after all, there are others. And are several lines of telephones which this is the story of one of the others. run through the farming districts to It may sound like a contradiction, the several villages. Many of the a load of produce. Not knowing how It is often much easier to march in much he would be able to sell, he ing what they want, he delivers it to | livin', but he nover pre-empted the land, Eben and Claude had long been them on his regular days of market- and at that the he'd give to Arisona.

in the least, must concede that. She can be arranged, or when the farmer was tall and fair and graceful. Her has anything ready for market, he eyes were pale blue like a misty sky, can "call up" the dealer and ask for sunset. It was not peroxide - though | The telephone not only places him but for the kindness of nature it in immediate communication with his might have been. She was fond of own village, but with neighboring vildress, which is commendable; she was, lages, and, by telegraph or the longperhaps, a little overdressed, which distance telephone, with the city maras inexcusable. Inborn triviality be- kets. The farmer I have mentioned fee and sugar, and Maleslm lent me a trayed itself in a superfluity of guards grows several acres of strawberries.

There are many other uses of the telephone for the farmer in his isolated circumstances, so that very often he can make it convenient and profitable. I have been in the railway station when some farmer "called up" So she condescendingly wore the the agent and asked him if the goods ring that he had chopped cordwood he was expecting had arrived, and the feelin' kinder deleful. I see a man with a to buy; and he was permitted to call information would sometimes save a pack on his back comin' up the trail. twice a week and sit by her side in trip to the station before the goods He was stant and his face was pretty awed and palpitating reverence, while | were there; or he was asked to send | red, and when he see me it got quite ; the chattered away in a fashion that a message by telephone to some place, bit redder. He come up pullin' and

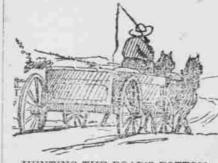
The telephone, besides placing the the incident. The drainage of Venice sweetly and remained as cordial as may be pretty sure that if you cannot | Meanwhile Claude was "lively" after farmer in immediate communication | mebbs he was the other feller. is fast becoming an important sani- when he was paying devotion at her be happy where you are you cannot, the manner of his kind. His liveliness with his merchant, physician, veterinarian and others whose services he they came tentatively, one by one, nor fame can give you what you want, and in action. It seemed to consist may need, affords communication bevery largely in dissipating his money; tween farmers and their families. It not only facilitates intercourse in to the social life of the farmer. He more spunk and spirit," remarked Lola | converses easily at any time with his one day, as Claude flashed past on a neighbor on any subject of interest to them.

> Many farmers think that the cost of the telephone is so great that they cannot afford it. In my locality the farmers own private lines on the cooperative plan. There are main lines operated by individuals, or corporations. The farmers have built private lines which connect them with these. Generally, a few individuals taking the lead, the farmers are visited in the community where the wires are to be put up, and asked to subscribe towards building the line. Some who do not wish to pay money are allowed furnish work, posts, etc. The wire put up at a small cost to each armer, but in addition to it, he must buy his telephone to put in his house. This costs him from \$15 to \$20. Then he must pay his share of the tax which is charged for connecting the farmer's private line with the main lines, which in most of the communities in this section is two or three dollars annually for each farmer. In one neighborhood near me I do not think the cost of putting up the wires and buying the telephones was more than \$30 for each farmer. rerhaps this was only the cash outlay, and the work contributed by the farmers was not taken into account; I was not definitely informed on this point. Where there are such opportunities for building farmers' lines that can be connected with main lines, surely money or work expended in this way will be well in ested .- W. H. Jenkins, in Country Gentleman.

## WIDE TIRES NEEDED.

They Make Travel More Pleasant and Do Not Destroy the Surfaces of Roads.

We frequently have pointed out in these columns the injury to public roads resulting from the use upor them of narrow-tired vehicles, particu-



HUNTING THE ROAD'S BOTTOM.

rapid and at the same time maintain Farmers' Voice.

## \$6\$6\$6\$6\$6\$6\$6\$6\$6\$6\$6\$6\$6 TUCKER AND ROSE

By Chas. E. Brimblecorn.

THE deputy assessor snapped the elastic band around his bulky book after duly setting forth therein the possyssions of Tuck ? & Rose: "Real es tate; s. e. % section 15, township 8 south, range 3 west, etc.; 82 neres er-In the locality where I live there chard, 12 acres pasture and hay land, 65 nerve timber land."

"Well, you ain't a-goin' before dinnet, so jest set right de wn here," said Earn Tooker, genintly, and the fired of-Frazer was a hero because he did not 'phones in their houses, which puts facial did not hesitate to accept a sear

earth can offer to a slow, big-limbed, this village he markets the produce plied Tucker. "Meds some little big-hearted fellow, such as he was- of his farm and of a large truck gar- changes in that time, too. Mighty nigh this whole claim was thick woods when

"'Twas a cur'ous thing, too. I'll tell you how 'twas. You see, I kinder got a the middle of the procession, even to would often take more than he could notice that it would be a good idea to the cannon's mouth, than to swallow dispose of, and this surplus, kept over lake up some gov'ment land, so I roce the bitterness of undeserved re- until the next trip, did not always | up here from Santa Cruz, 16 mile, over a pesky bad trail, and my friends, the rough, homely path of duty. This is in this way considerable was wasted Crawfords, over here on the San Lorenno disparagement to Claude Living- during the year. This farmer has put | 20, they showed me this quarter-sec-

"There was a little shack of a cabin prize to win which Eben toiled and easier and pleasanter, and he thinks of trouble, and then went bred to Spain other very cordially-and who shall for him. Sometimes he wholesales to law you had to live on your claims in

satisfactory prices. When a dealer And Lola was, in truth, an attrac- in his village wishes anything in his colm Crawford he told me that he'd heard there was another feller prosnserin' 'round my sarch. He'd been up there himself with his gun to inquir about it, but didn't see nobody; but he ald I'd better git up there as quick as the Lord would let me and held down the claim.

"I left my horse at Crawford's, 'eause there wa'n't much feed in the woods. and made up a pack of flour, becon, enfshotgun that he said might come in rels of the gun at some quail, and then

"Everything was still as death, except the crickets chirpin' with a lonesome sound, and I put the things in the cabin. There was a little freplace built of mud and sticks in one end, with a chimney of split boards, and I built a

fire to git a bite of support "As I was standly in the deorway seemed put out 'hout something, and jest then it come into my head that

""What you doin' in that cabin?" he

"'My residence at present,' says I. Won't you come in? "'None o' your blarsted sarge wi' me.' business matters, but adds very much he says. 'This 'ere is my claim, and I want you to git off it directly."

"'You're laborin' under a slight mistake,' says I. 'This is my claim; but rou needa't be in a hurry 'bout goin'. Stay till mornin', anyway. Darned if I sin't glad of company.

"Well, we talked awhile, and he kep" gittin' madder and madder. "'You've got the adwantage of me now,' he roars out, 'but if it wa'n't for that bloody gun you've got so 'andy I'd

put you out of my cabin quicker'n n wink. "'You needn't fret about the gun,' I the cabin.) 'Why, I fired off both barels at some quall down here, and I Globe-Democrat.

didn't bring a mite of ammunition with me. " 'You carn't come it on me,' he says, kinder speerin'. 'You'd like to hentice me to come on and then let me 'ave it,

wouldn't you?' "'Well, take the pesky gun and see near Stockholm, when he met a stranger similarly occupied. The two

for yourself,' I says, holdin' it out toward him. "'No. you don't, old smoothy,' he says, turnin' nway.

"'Come in and have a bite of supper, anyhow,' I says. 'The water's bilin' and I'll make some coffee in a jiffy." "He grumbled something and went off and camped under an oak tree a lit-

here by the barn. "I'd done my best to be sociable, so I Some way 'twas kinder pleasant to see is the only place I've got to entertain the other feller's fire, but he looked mighty crusty and didn't have a word | lunched, and talked boxany together all

more to say "After supper I lit a piece of candle and read a newspaper that I'd brought from town, but I got sleepy pretty YANKEE INVENTION TO WIN. quick and spread my blankets in the bunk. I shut the door and put a prop agin it-not that I was afraid, but I jest happened to think that I didn't really know anything about the other

feller. "I was off to sleep in a minute, and the next thing I knew was seein' a big glare of light and feelin' things gettin' pesky hot. I jumped up, and, Lord! if the whole end of the cabin wa'n't in a blaze!

"'Gosh all hemlock!" I says, 'Fe's a bad man, and is tryin' to burn me up, sure as the devil's an Injun." "But just then I heard an awful hammerin' at the door and the other feller hellerin':

"'Git up, you blarsted fool! Do you

want to be cooked alive? Turn out, and be darned to you. "Then I jedged that the fire had caught in the old dry chimney. I bounced up and grabbed the coffee pot and threw the grounds on the conflagration, but it didn't do a mite a' good. make draft lighter and travel more so I kicked away the prop and ran out,

agin the open end of the cabin. It was didn't prop the door this time, but I

a shee bouch. It was a oughfare when the ground is saturated hand that he mission the embine it as to with water, or after heavy rains - my band. And then Lamelt comething like a ply a y. I knew well enough what it was. There was only the thicking of a split e'apboard between me and a

is prizzly bear! "I began to think like chain lightsing. The shotgon-'twa'h't loaded, and if it had been charged to the muzzle 'twould a horset. I might elimb upon the cross brame. Pshaw! They wa'n't seven feet from the ground and one copp of his naw would bring me down traine old

"Not this kin' of anything sensible to do, I d'au't do nothin', but kep' as ville as I ewer kep' in my life. I fairly shruak up like a withered potato.

"The hear welled slowly around the jobin, broathin' as if he had the nothma. Pretty soon I saw him thremail the sorli. 's and know be could brack em twov the smake. He lifted up his big head and kenhed-toward me, and I'll take my solemn onth that he wantigper than any bull that ever passed the earth. He stock out his now and niffed with a dreadul noise. I titled to blok of the Land's Frager. "But prelly soon he moved on and I

heard him elempin' the becon rinds outside. He walked around the oabinfour tin - and every time he stopped and will deliver to the saplin's. Twee only the smell of the fire that hep' him from comin' in that's sure. Then he moved off, for I didn't smell him any "All of a sudden I made one jump to

the door, enssin' myself for a carret coward. There I'd been thinkin 'bout myself all the time when the other feller was sleepin' in the open and the bear would be sure to visit him after finishin' with me! And he'd been kind enough-to save me from burnin' up. too. I run out hellerin' to him:

" 'Look out, pardner, there's a grizzly around!"

" 'Tell me some news, will you?' came a grouty voice, out of the air, it seemed to me. I looked up and saw something dark up the oak tree, about as high as a man could well go. "'You're rocatin' high,' I says. 'Did

he take after you?" "'I seen 'm a-comin' and I didn't stop for lanca,' says he. 'Me blankets is ribbons, and he's est everything but the ax and fryin' pan." "Well, slide down and make a break

for the cabin. He ain't in sight now." "'Thank ye, I'm comfortable,' says

"However, I talked him into comin", down, and he made a pretty run for the cabin. I couldn't have beat it myself, and I was pretty spry in those days. We slipped in and propped the door, and he began to case a fool who would come away and forgit his ammunition. "Daylight was an awful long fime

a-comin', but it showed up at last. We built a fire and made some coffee, but we didn't fry no bacon. "The other feller seemed kinder blue

I felt sorry for him, so I says: "'My friend, you can have this ranch. I don't like to interfere with anybody's plans, and my business in town is pressin' anyway. You can have my blankets and what grub is left, and I'll bid

you good-by." "'No, you don't,' he hollered, jumpin' up. 'This 'ere ranch is yourn. I was only jokin' last night. The climate 'ere don't agree wi' me. I must be off."

" 'I couldn't think of it,' says I. 'You can make a nice home out of it. Good Inck to you." "'I means what I says,' he growls,

real huffy. 'This 'ere ranch is yourn. and don't try to insult me by insinivating that I'm tryin 'to git it away from "Well, the upshot of it was that we

had a bigger quarrel than we had the night before Ezra Tucker laughed and slapped his knee.

"But how did it come out?" asked the deputy assessor. "Oh, the other feller is Rose, my partner. We got over our scare and we ays. (I'd left it entside leanin' against | both stayed. There's Ross comin' now, and I guess dinner's ready."-St. Louis'

> King Ozear Was lits Host. A story illustrating the simple bonhomie of the king of Swiden and Norway is told by M. Guston Bonnier, the botanist. M. Ponnier was botanizing

botanists fraternized and M. Bonnier suggested that they should lunch together at an inn. "No; come home and lunch with me instead," said the stranger; and he led

the way to the palace and opened the gate. M. Bonnier was naturally astonished, tle ways off. That's the very tree down but his new acquaintance was mort

apologetic. "I'm sorry," he said, "but I happen nade my coffee and fried some bacon. to be the king of this country, and this anyholy in." So they went in and the afternoon .- Chicago Times-Hevald

Vast Territory in Asia, Africa and South America Lies Failow for American Machinery.

It is a happy fact that Yankees are so

quick to invent and so skillful to use achinery of all kinds, says Ainslee's Magazine. Within the next few years there will be tremendous apportunities for civil, mechanical and electrical engineers in Asia. When the Chinese cast the first railway from Shanghai to Woosung into the river they were only preparing themselves for a network of railways over the whole of China. When the Coreans in Secul destroyed the new electric line and burned the cars, they exhausted the forces of conservatism, and before long concluded that the electric railway was the best scheme for saving extra exertion in walking that had ever been devised. I were no ellone of South America and South Africa may be undeveloped and possessed of great material resources, but nowhere else does such a combination of human and natural conditions tempt indus-"i cut a few saplin's and ret 'em up trial activity as in China. Nowhereelse are so many hardworking and temperate men and women, waiting only to be taught, such wealth of coal and other minerals, such fertile soil, such spicedid rivers and harbors. Were the field small, it would not be so tempting. But Chiva is in area larger than the United States, and has a population four or five times as large. For the last comter of a century prospectors have been studying the provinces of the interior. and yet our knowledge still seems to be most limited.